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Letter dated 22 December 2017 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau, containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2017. The report, which was approved by the Committee, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Elbio **Rosselli**
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resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau

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Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau

I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017.

2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Elbio Rosselli (Uruguay) as Chair and the representative of Ethiopia as Vice-Chair.

II. Background

3. By paragraph 4 of its resolution 2048 (2012), the Security Council imposed a travel ban on five designated individuals and, by paragraph 9, established a committee to oversee the implementation of the targeted measure. On 18 July 2012, the Committee approved the designation of six additional individuals.

4. Further background information on the Guinea-Bissau sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

5. The Chair visited Guinea-Bissau from 13 to 15 June to obtain first-hand accounts concerning the effective implementation of the sanctions measures imposed by Security Council resolution 2048 (2012) and discuss political developments in Guinea-Bissau.

6. The Committee met twice in informal consultations, on 17 July and 12 September, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.

7. On 17 July, the Committee received an oral briefing by the Chair on his visit to Guinea-Bissau, which complemented the report that had previously been circulated on 10 July to the members. The Committee also considered the recommendations contained in that report.

8. On 24 August, the Chair briefed the Security Council on the activities of the Committee, pursuant to paragraph 9 (d) of resolution 2048 (2012) (see S/PV.8031).

9. On 12 September, the Committee received a briefing by the Chief of the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch on the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made with regard to the stabilization and restoration of constitutional order in Guinea-Bissau (S/2017/715). The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Guinea-Bissau and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS) [[this is the correct SRSG title, and has been verified with the CO]] also participated in the briefing via videoconference from Bissau and provided a briefing on the situation in the country.

10. Following the informal consultations held on 17 July and 12 September, and in accordance with paragraph 104 of the note by the President of the Security Council dated 30 August 2017 (S/2017/507), the Committee issued a press release containing a brief summary of the informal consultations.

11. The Committee sent six communications to two Member States and other stakeholders, with reference to the implementation of the sanctions measures.

12. The Chair briefed the Security Council on 8 December, providing a personal insight from the point of view of the Presidency about the conduct of the work of the Committee.

IV. Exemptions

13. Exemptions to the travel ban are contained in paragraph 5 of resolution 2048 (2012).

14. During the reporting period, the Committee did not receive any request for exemption.

V. Sanctions list

15. The criteria for the designation of individuals as subject to the travel ban are set out in paragraph 6 of resolution 2048 (2012). The procedures for requesting listing and delisting are described in the guidelines of the Committee for the conduct of its work.

16. The Committee delisted one individual on 20 December 2017.

17. As at the end of the reporting period, there were 10 individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee.

VI. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

18. The Security Council Affairs Division provided substantive and procedural support to the Chair and the members of the Committee. Advisory support was also provided to Member States to promote understanding of the sanctions regime and facilitate the implementation of the sanctions measures. Induction briefings were also provided to incoming members of the Council to familiarize them with the specific issues relevant to the sanctions regime.

19. The Secretariat continued to update and maintain the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List and the Committee-specific sanctions lists in the six official languages and the three technical formats. Furthermore, the Secretariat implemented improvements concerning the effective utilization of and access to sanctions lists, including through the creation of links within list entries, as appropriate, to INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notices, as well as the development in English of the data model approved in 2011 by the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, as requested by the Security Council in paragraph 48 of resolution 2253 (2015).

20. Pursuant to paragraph 22 of resolution 2343 (2017), the Secretary-General submitted his report on the progress made by Guinea-Bissau with regard to the stabilization and restoration of constitutional order in that country and recommendations on the continuation of the sanctions regime, in line with paragraph 12 of resolution 2048 (2012), on 23 August 2017 (S/2017/715).